

# SPORTS AS THE EXPERTS SEE THEM

## Uncertainty of Results Makes Football More Interesting Than Ever This Season

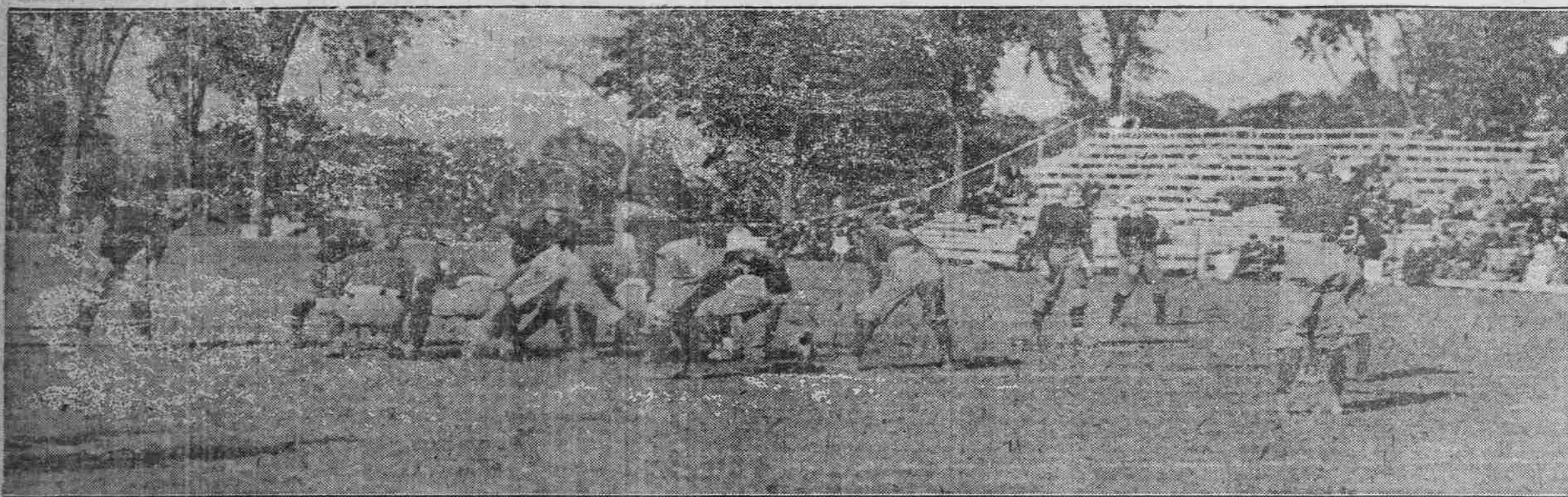


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Coach Daly is now selecting his Army eleven for the big game with the Navy team at the Polo grounds, New York, Nov. 27. Picture shows a scene in the recent game, Quarterback Weyand about to make a pass.

THERE are many reasons to advance why the 1915 football season will be the most successful in the last decade. There is little cause to believe that the old college game, which cannot be professionalized with any degree of success, will not come back into its own this fall. Following are among some of the reasons which may be cited:

First.—Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Cornell seem to be about on a par in the east, with Pennsylvania and Dartmouth having an outside chance to win the honors.

Second.—Honors in the west rest in what looks to be a bitterly fought contest between Illinois and Minnesota, with Wisconsin, Northwestern and Chicago having a possible chance to win.

Third.—Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas should fight it out for the Missouri valley conference title, with Missouri not to be overlooked.

Fourth.—Notre Dame, Nebraska and the Michigan Aggies, claimants with Illinois for the western title last season, will be represented by strong teams.

Fifth.—Michigan, which meets Cornell, Pennsylvania and Syracuse in the

### Four Look Stronger In East.

Although Harvard will be represented by a strong team, Yale, Princeton and Cornell cannot be underestimated at this stage of the season. The tip is out that Old Eli will be right there at the finish, and there is no reason to believe that the New Haven eleven will not be a strong aggregation. "Speedy" Rush, who is coaching his first year of football at Princeton, is sure to develop a strong aggregation, and the same can be said of Dr. Al Sharpe at Cornell.

With the exception of Captain Eddie Mann, Harvard has not a consistent ground gainer who can be depended upon to make ground when put up against stiff opposition. Tom Brumfield, fullback, looks like a possibility, considering his performances in the crimson game against Colby. Robinson, halfback, shows promise, but until

the latter two players meet stiff opposition their prowess is unknown.

### Houghton Among Leaders.

In this connection the ability of Coach Percy Houghton must be taken into consideration. He is one of the most resourceful mentors who ever handled a crimson eleven, and with the material at his disposal Harvard will always bear watching.

Following its defeat by Harvard last year, 36 to 0, Yale will make a Herculean effort to retrieve its lost laurels. Old Eli will be represented by enough old players to form a strong nucleus, and the manner in which the team ran over and around Maine to the tune of 37 to 0 stamps Hinkley's eleven as one of possibilities.

Princeton, despite its 13 to 0 score against Georgetown in its first contest, is promising. Coach Rush is one of those mentors who believe in the slow development of football teams, and it is with this idea in mind that he is teaching his team just enough football to win each struggle.

### Cornell Also Stronger.

Cornell will be stronger than usual. Following its 24 to 12 victory over

Penn last year, Coach Sharpe's eleven has taken on a new lease of life and must bear watching during the season. Pennsylvania also will be stronger than its game with West Virginia showed. The Quakers won that contest by a single touchdown, but are stronger than the score indicates.

In the west Illinois will have to extend itself to retain the championship honors won last year. Although the ranks of Coach Zupke's team will not be materially weakened by the loss of veterans, the fact that Minnesota will be

represented by practically a veteran eleven is a factor which must not be overlooked.

While considering the chances of these eleven, Wisconsin must be considered. A number of star Badger players are under the faculty ban, but if they remove their conditions Coach James to "bolster" the team's pitching staff for the final rush.

James won two games in about ten starts, while Lowdermilk won none. On the season the two twirlers broke all records for big league bases on balls, allowing between them 273 free passes in a total of 486 innings.

This is more than the hits made off

them, totaling 235. Lowdermilk was the worse offender, he being hit for 129 safeties in 251 innings. He also allowed 152 passes, hit 18 batters and made 7 wild pitches.

### THURMAN SOME PUNTER.

THEY do say at Yale that Thurman, the Virginia star, whose kicking and all around play were great factors in Yale's defeat, has been scheduled for 1916. In the event of his making the change he could not play until 1917. Thurman was the best punter seen at Yale in many years.

## Golf Champs Find Life One Trap After Another

CHAMPIONS come and champions go, and during their departure they often have to take a stray kick now and then by way of good measure. This remark applies to golfers, and if you don't believe it ask Francis Outmet.

When the Woodland player started the world by defeating Vardon and Ray in the playoff of the national open title at Brookline in 1913 and supplemented this feat the following year by winning the amateur crown at Edgewood there were those idol worshippers ready to proclaim him well nigh invincible, likely, in fact, to go on winning national championships indefinitely. Outmet is a great golfer, and he may win more titles in years to come, but his setbacks this season only serve to prove further that the way of the champion is hard.

One of the fallings of human nature is to go experimenting. There probably never existed a golfer who didn't at some time or another partly change his style. The moment something goes wrong he starts seeking a remedy, and then the real trouble begins, for as a rule, the more one experiments the more hopeless becomes the tangle. Outmet's long irons have not been going to his satisfaction of late, and there have been times when his putting fell far short of his erstwhile standard.

There is really nothing very wrong with the Boston golfer's game. What he needs more than anything else is a long rest. For more than two years now this much sought after amateur has been on the go. He said after being put out by James Standish, Jr., in the championship at Detroit that he expected to lay off for a year. Outmet has about as much chance of quitting the competitive game for a year as a small boy has of refusing a box of candy.

To get back to the reference to experimenting, every one knows what a time Jerome Travers had with his wooden clubs. In the early days, though, all clubs looked alike to Jerry. By and by something went a little wrong. He tried first one remedy and then another, finally becoming so hopelessly off with his play clubs as to confine himself almost entirely to the irons. Some months ago Travers declared he had discovered what the trouble was, and he gave Arthur Reid, the Upper Montclair professional, credit for setting him right. It was nothing more or less than getting Travers to keep the right elbow down instead of slipping it up like a bird with a wounded wing. Reid's suggestion was perfectly proper, yet when Travers followed it he was only going back to first principles. In other words, when Jerry won his first Metropolitan championship at St. Andrews, in 1906, there was no hitch in his back swing.

Little wonder that Outmet is now experiencing difficulty with a club or two. He wouldn't be human if it wasn't so.

He would do well, however, not to worry too much. With his arms, hands and club are almost like one piece of machinery. There's little wrong with the Outmet machine.



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CHARLES EVANS, JR., better known as "Chick," one of the cleverest golfers in America, making a mashie shot.

## GAME CLUBS SELDOM HAVE BIG SLUMPS



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### CHARLEY HERZOG, REDS' FIERY LEADER.

A GAME club will not allow itself to slump under defeat, nor will a game ball player. Recently Ty Cobb went to the bat eighteen consecutive times without getting a base hit, a record for this wonder with the warblers. But Cobb's head did not droop, nor did his spirit flag. After his fourth straight hitless game he was asked how it felt to go up time after time and go right back to the bench again. "It doesn't feel very good, I can tell you," he said, "but I don't think about it. I keep my mind only on the next time at bat, when I have full confidence that I will get back on my stride. There is always a next time coming, you know." Cobb's policy is to look to the future and to waste no time in grieving over the mistakes or omissions of the past.

The average player, unblest with the spirit and confidence of a Cobb, when he falls into a hitting slump drops his head, bemoans his fate, lies awake at night worrying, allows his selling to fall off and is deeply in the dumps. The real master of himself and the game, like Cobb, forgets past mis-

fortunes and keeps his head up and his nerve on tap. It may truly be said that the Cincinnati Reds are this kind of a ball club. After their brilliant effort early in August, when they won twelve out of fifteen games played and looked like a sure thing for the first division, they fell back and lost seven straight games to Philadelphia and Boston. This was a severe blow to the players and their manager, and a less courageous outfit would have wilted and fallen away to nothing under the strain. Not so with the Reds.

You may not admire all their losing ways, but you will have to hand it to them for sticking to the job. Not once in the course of their long hitting slump, when they were shut out four times in seven games and lost three straight games by the close scores of 2 to 0, did the team falter in its spirit or its effort to put victory across. The club played its worst ball in the last this year, losing a big majority of its games there, but the club was highly respected by all four of its eastern op-

ponents, who know that they will have to put their best strength on the field in order to defeat the Cincinnati boys. It is the right kind of spirit, and it means a larger success next season, when Manager Herzog perfects his plans and secures one or two players whom he is after to add to the hitting power of the team. The spirit and the pepper are there. A shade more ability on the offense would make a real winner out of the team.

### KNOWING WHERE TO THROW BALL HELPS FIELDERS.

THE great thing in fielding is to know where to throw the ball after it has been caught or stopped and to be careful how the throw is made, for more games are lost by wild throwing than by any other fielding mistakes. Of course in conventional plays in the infield there is only one place to throw to, and the fielder does not have to use any judgment. With no one on base the throw, after handling a grounder, must always be to first base.

In the case of most double plays the spot to throw to has been figured out in advance by the fielder, who anticipates every possible play that can come up and is ready for it. Good judgment has to be used at times in trying to force a man at second when it is reasonably certain that the out can be made. It is better to throw the ball to first base and make sure of one out. If the play to second falls, nothing has been accomplished and the attacking side is in better shape than before.

Quick thinking in the diamond is a necessity for first class fielding. Perhaps the greater number of mistakes are made by outfielders. The habit of throwing needlessly to the plate is a very amateurish one, and the tendency to make this long throw should be curbed. Of course on a caught fly, when there is a man on third, it is all right to try for the out at the plate, even if it is rather a difficult chance, for nothing is lost if the play falls, as it probably will.

But, in the case of a runner scoring from second on a base hit to the outfield, judgment must be used. If there is no possible chance to get the runner the throw had better not be made, for it allows the batter to go down to second, where he is in a much better position to score than if he was held at first.

Pitchers can help out a great deal on throws to the plate if they size up the play quickly and rightly. They can post themselves in the diamond, and, if it is seen that there is no chance to get the runner at the plate, they can intercept the throw and try for an out on the batter if he is running for second. Good and accurate throwing requires more than a strong arm.

Umpires are needed in handling the ball and judging where is the best place to shoot it along.

### LOW BALL PITCHING HARD TO HIT.

TY COBB says: "The most effective pitching in the game is the kind that carries control of a low ball. A pitcher with only ordinary stuff who has low ball control is almost sure to be effective. This is the chief feature of Alexander's success. He can put that fast one around the knees, over the inside or outside corner better than any man in the game, and with the stuff he has it is almost impossible to hit him safely. A spitballer who can break his curve well below the waist is next to unhittable."

## Jennings Started Out as a Catcher

BACK in the summer of 1891 a young chap with carmine colored hair and a face slicked all over with polka dots was catching for a baseball team representing Leighton, Pa., where he had signed that spring. Leighton was at that time a beautiful place of 3,000 inhabitants, but this young man was somewhat lost in that community, for of the 3,000 residents all were Dutch except two, an Irish saloon keeper and his sister, and Hughie Jennings, having considerable Irish blood coursing through his system, was a welcome addition to this very small Irish colony.

In the month of June a certain baseball fan—in fact, he was a director of one of the clubs in a small Pennsylvania state league—sent a tip to Jack Chapman of the Louisville club of the American association concerning this young catcher, stating that if he would sign him in less than a month he would prove the equal of the best player Chapman had on his lineup. The wise Chapman must have had faith in this unknown fan, for he promptly sent \$100 to young Jennings with orders to report at once. Hughie thought it must be a joke, but on examining the coin

he found it real money, and he made up his mind to go.

H. Jennings' days as a catcher ended the moment he donned a Louisville uniform. Chapman didn't just know what to do with this towheaded bushier after he got him, but he had invested a hundred cold dollars in the deal and felt that he must have the youngster-ear-ear if it possible, and Hughie was dead willing to work it out. Opportunity came tripping his way, for First Baseman Taylor was injured about that time, and Chapman plunked the raw recruit on the initial sack. It was on June 6, 1891, that the now famous manager of the Detroit Tigers played his first game in the majors, and the contest was against the Baltimore team.

The first big league hurler who faced Hughie, or whom Hughie faced, wasn't very big. A little bit of a left hander of the name of Madden was the pitcher, and Louisville made only four hits, the Leighton recruit getting one of them. In his next game Jennings made three safe hits in four times up off the pitching of the noted McMahon, and he continued to bang the ball right merrily during the balance of that season.

## Two Views of Kohlemainen, Who May Retire Shortly



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It is rumored in athletic circles that Hannes Kohlemainen, the great Finnish runner, intends to give up competition at the end of the season and will become a coach at one of the big universities. Hannes is the greatest long distance runner the game has ever produced, and his retirement would be a sad blow to the competitive sport.

## BARNEY OLDFIELD MAY BE SUPERSTITIOUS NOW



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### BARNEY OLDFIELD AND HIS FAMOUS CIGAR.

THE drivers of racing auto cars are superstitious just like a good many other individuals. This is shown by the fact that the number "13" was not given to any car at the Astor cup race held at the Sheepshead Bay speedway recently, and that number did not appear on the score boards.

Barney Oldfield's badge number was 2,236. An hour before the race Expert W. Bob Holland jokingly called Oldfield's attention to the fact that when the figures on his badge were added together the total was thirteen. Bar-

ney examined the badge and added the figures himself to be sure about it.

"Oh, I'm not superstitious!" he remarked. "The badge and the number don't bother me."

An hour later Barney's car broke a connecting rod while he was covering the thirteenth mile. All afternoon the score board showed that his car, which was right with the leading ones when the accident occurred, had completed six laps or twelve miles. He was unable to carry that hoodoo badge over the thirteenth mile.

## Another Ten Eyck In Rowing World

A NEW rowing coach of more than ordinary ability has started the college and club world. He is James A. Ten Eyck, Jr., of the Duluth (Minn.) Boat club. Let no one be surprised if he is found in charge of the crews of some big university in the very near future. Ten Eyck, Jr., is the son of the present coach of the Syracuse university crews and was himself a famous Syracuse stroke a few years ago. The feat which attracted special attention to Ten Eyck was the winning of ten championships at the recent national regatta at Springfield, Mass. The Duluth club entered eleven crews in thirteen events and won ten of them.

Ever since Ten Eyck took up his work at Duluth he has had phenomenal success. He seems to know how to coach as well as row, an unusual combination in a man so young. Nearly all the leading coaches in

America are either Englishmen or Americans who rowed nearly forty years ago. The Nickalls brothers are English, Wray of Harvard an Australian, while Ten Eyck, Courtney and the Ward brothers were famous in American rowing nearly half a century ago. That is why young Ten Eyck is attracting so much attention.

In the east the University of Pennsylvania is looking for a coach, and it is known that young Ten Eyck has been considered. It is also expected that the University of Wisconsin, which is expected to resume rowing soon, will look Ten Eyck over if some other institution does not get him first.

The rowing situation at the University of Pennsylvania is once more serious. Contrary to former announcements, there is not a chance in the world for Vivian Nickalls, coach for the last two years, to be re-engaged.